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**VIA ECF** 

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The Honorable Chad F. Kenney 6614 US Courthouse 601 Market Street, Courtroom 6-A Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: McManus v. Walgreen Eastern Co., Inc. et al. USDC for the Eastern District of PA, No. 21-2285

Dear Judge Kenney:

Attached please find my submission, as ordered by the Court on May 12, 2022. The submission statement also includes one attached email I received from Robert Sanzo, counsel for Walgreens with two attached photos, which also includes a statement from Mr. Sanzo advising that these are the two photographs taken by his expert. The remaining portion of the email from Mr. Sanzo is redacted as it is not responsive to the Court's Order and furthermore, it is also protected by the joint defense privilege.

Respectfully submitted,

COZEN O'CONNOR

By: Jacqueline Promislo

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cc: Stephen A. Scheuerle, Esquire (via email)

Robert L. Sanzo, Esquire (via email) Richard K. Hohn, Esquire (via email)

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ROBERT JOSEPH MCMANUS,

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Plaintiff,

Civil Action No.: 21-cv-02285

V.

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WALGREENS COMPANY, et al.,

:

Defendants.

## SUBMISSION BY BILCO'S COUNSEL PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER

- Defendant The Bilco Company and Defendant Walgreens are parties to a Joint
   Defense Agreement relating to the above captioned litigation.
- 2. Bilco and Walgreens agreed to share in the cost of certain experts for the defense of this matter.
- 3. Bilco retained a mechanical engineer, Eugenia Kennedy, a principal of Exponent, to conduct an investigation, prepare a report, and testify in this matter. Walgreens did not share in the cost of, or the preparation of Ms. Kennedy's report or testimony.
- 4. Upon information and belief, Walgreens separately retained an engineer, Jodi DeMarco, to conduct an investigation, prepare a report and testify in this matter.
- 5. Neither undersigned counsel, nor any other counsel for Bilco, nor any of Bilco's experts or consultants had any communications with Mr. DeMarco relating to his inspections, opinions or report.
- 6. Communications exchanged between attorneys, pursuant to a joint defense agreement, such as e-mails, are privileged. *Teleglobe Communs. Corp. v. BCE, Inc.*, 493 F.3d 345, 364 (3d. Cir. 2007) (holding the "privilege allows attorneys representing different clients with similar legal interests to share information without having to disclose it to others"); *Narog*

v. City of Redwood City, No. C-13-03237 DMR, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 36193 at \*23 (N.D. Cal.

Mar. 17, 2014) (denying motion to compel e-mail, holding e-mail communication among

counsel subject to joint defense privilege).

7. A party does not waive privileged documents or communications by producing

them in response to a court order, since such production is not voluntary. Leonen v. Johns-

Manville, 135 F.R.D. 94, 99 (D. N.J. 1990); Bowen v. Parking Auth., No. 00-5765 (JBS), 2002

U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14585 at \*14-15 (D. N.J. July 30, 2002) ("a production of documents ordered

by a court does not constitute a waiver of attorney-client privilege because such production was

not voluntary.")

8. Undersigned counsel has no communications with Walgreens' counsel about Mr.

DeMarco's May 2, 2022 inspection at any time before the inspection.

9. Without waiving any claim of privilege, undersigned counsel received two

pictures from Walgreens' counsel on May 3, 2022, the day after Mr. DeMarco conducted the

inspection.

10. Without waiving any claim of privilege, attached hereto is an email responsive to

this Court's Order, which was received from Walgreens' counsel, Rob Sanzo, on May 3, 2022,

with two attached photographs.

Dated: May 16, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

COZEN O'CONNOR

By: /s/ Jacqueline Promislo, Esq.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on May 16, 2022, a copy of the foregoing Jacqueline Promislo Submission Pursuant to Court Order was served upon the following counsel via email addressed as follows:

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From: Promislo, Jacqueline

**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2022 9:43 AM

**To:** Harn, Adam Stanley

**Subject:** ONE EXHIBIT TO MY SUBMISSION- I will send the photos that were attached separately

**Importance:** High

From: Sanzo, Robert < sanzo@litchfieldcavo.com >

Sent: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 8:18 PM

**To:** Promislo, Jacqueline < <u>JPromislo@cozen.com</u>>

Subject: RE: Mc Manus vs Walgreens

#### \*\*EXTERNAL SENDER\*\*

Jackie - these are the two photographs taken by Jody DeMarco as he opened the subject lock with one hand. REDACTED PORTION: NOT RESPONSIVE TO COURT ORDER. PROTECTED COMMUNICATIONS

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